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By distributional knowledge, he refers apparently for the most part to commerce and government, as shown by the series of suggested topics: current political events, economic history, distribution of wealth, war, peace, slavery, feudalism, elective franchise, taxation, political parties, socialism, money, graft, corporations, charity, and as many others of the same nature. Consumptional knowledge is to show men how most profitably to spend their wealth and their time, and to give the necessary tastes and habits for doing so. Consumptional knowledge, following his list, includes literature, history, music, other fine arts, ethics, foreign languages, non-productional aspects of sciences, sports and games, travel, and a dozen others. The book urges a closer relation between education and the life-interests and life-work of a community.

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What Children Study and Why. By CHARLES B. GILBERT. Boston: Silver, Burdett & Co., 1913. Pp. vi+332.

This is a discussion of the curriculum of the elementary school. It deals chiefly with the program of work, not with the methods and processes. After a short introductory chapter discussing the problems involved in drawing up an effective printed course of study as a teacher's manual, the book is given up almost entirely to discussions of the various values of each of the subjects taught in the elementary school. It is clear from the general tone and spirit of the text that the book represents the crystallized results of long practical contact with the subjects as they are taught in our schoolrooms, rather than the theoretical contacts of the pedagogical student in his study, armed with his psychological and pedagogical "authorities." It is the kind of discussion of the curriculum that one would expect from the practical superintendent of long and successful experience.

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Human Behavior: A First Book in Psychology for Teachers. By Stephen Sheldon Colvin and William Chandler Bagley. New York: Macmillan, 1913. Pp. xvi+336. \$1.00 net.

This is, in the main, a brief untechnical book of general psychology, with the special cast indicated by the subtitle. The authors accept the functional point of view, and formulate all psychological principles in terms of human behavior. Greatest attention is given to those general topics that lie nearest to the teacher's practical labors; illustrations are drawn from classroom procedure; and application is made to teaching problems. The book is clearly intended for immature students: materials are organized upon the "spiral" plan; it is written in easy English, employing a simplified terminology; to each chapter is appended a glossary of all psychological terms used, and also a rather full list of "Questions and Exercises." The authors have emphasized more than is usual in textbooks for teachers the matters of instinct, habit, feeling and emotion, memory, and economical methods of learning.

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